



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Trail Accessibility and Resource Improvements

LOCATION: Año Nuevo State Reserve

COUNTY: San Mateo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Make improvements, reroute and restore parts of the Año Nuevo Point Trail at Año Nuevo State Reserve and Año Nuevo State Park for resource protection and to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and meet requirements in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines". Work will:

- Install temporary exclusionary fencing to protect wildlife during construction.
- Excavate, add aggregate and rock to repair, level, and define the Año Nuevo Point Trail.
- Prune and remove (bush) vegetation, remove 2-4" of organic layer, and add aggregate to build two trail reroutes (one 860' and one 500') long by 5' wide.
- Excavate up to 6" deep and 12" wide to install approximately 1.5' high rock or wood retaining walls, and add aggregate to build a 40' by 40' level pad; and install 4 ADA compliant picnic tables on the pad.
- Excavate up to 6" to level, pour a 60" by 60" concrete pad, and install ADA telescope in the picnic area next to the visitor center.
- Place geo-textiles or wire mesh under select segments of the trail to prevent gopher damage to the trail tread (e.g., area around picnic sites and visitor center)
- Place rock to construct four rock retaining walls each up to 100' long and 24" high, add aggregate to elevate and level four overlooks.
- Construct approx. 175' rock/wood causeway over sandy conditions to allow for natural drainage at overlook 1.
- Excavate approx. 18" deep and 24" wide to replace up to 10 damaged culverts along trail.
- Import rocks to build approximately fifteen 6' wide by approximately 20' long drainage lenses to elevate the trail tread to improve sheet flow.
- Replace two benches at existing kiosk building and install three new wooden benches along trail. New bench locations will be at existing wide areas along the trail.
- Excavate 16 holes each approximately 12" in diameter, pour concrete footings, and place posts to install new trail signage and interpretive panels.
- Excavate to de-compact soil, contour to natural conditions, trim adjacent plants and place cuttings to close and restore approximately 26,250 square feet (0.6 acres) of degraded trail.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition and Development

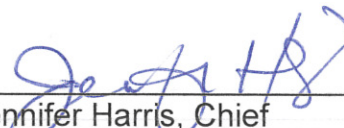
EXEMPT STATUS: ☒ Categorical Exemption Classes: 1, 2, 3, 4 Sections: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels, the replacement of existing structure and facility where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, the construction or installation of limited numbers of new, small facilities, and the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees included as "modifications of existing facilities for handicap access" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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